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MAGIC AND POLITICS

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WASHINGTON.—Any serious student of politics soonor or later stumbles upon the existence of a goofy network. These are the secular cults which attract bored socialites and cash-register types in search of a common humanity. As semi-secretive networks, they serve in addition as convenient covers for activities by international cartels and worldwide intelligence services.

During the days of the New Deal, a congerie of political and financial figures, including Vice President Henry Wallace, became mixed up with a Russian "guru" called Nicholas Roerich who presided over a Tibetan lamasary on Riverside Drive in New York City. Wallace sent his guru to Asia to examine grass seed under a grant from the Department of Agriculture. In his book entitled *The Coming Of The New Deal*, Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., wrote that Wallace even induced Treasury Secretary Henry M. Morgenthau to place the symbol of the cult on the U.S. dollar bill. This is the "all-seeing eye" above a truncated pyramid.

We see the same symbolism today in the architectural plan for the Temple of Understanding, the "Spiritual United Nations," that is being constructed on the banks of the Potomac River in Washington, D.C. The $5-million edifice will feature the symbolism of black magic practiced by the high priests of ancient Egypt. The building will contain a giant eye—a circular pool of water which reflects light beamed onto it by a dome faceted to resemble a many-colored diamond.

The Temple movement, which has offices in the Nation's Capital, embraces esoteric activities in India, Great Britain, Holland, Belgium, Israel, the United Arab Republic, Poland, Union of South Africa, Ghana, and other countries. Cooperating groups include Lucis Trust, a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation which operates the Arcane School, World Goodwill and Triangles, with offices in the United States at 866 UN Plaza, New York City. These groups regularly hold "Full Moon Meditation Meetings" to promote the "New World Religion" at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Here, groups of "New World Servers'" are instructed to form "triangles"—groups of three—consisting of "a network of Light and Goodwill covering the entire planet."

The arcane or hidden mysteries of the Temple also include planned political mysteries. Recently, the Donner Foundation gave the non-profit Temple of Understanding a $15,000 grant. At the same time, the Donner Foundation gave the American Foreign Service Association $33,000 at the suggestion of Joseph E. Johnson, president of the Carnegie Endowment, who is known as the "Emcee of the Eastern Establishment." Johnson is using the American Foreign Service Association and the Donner Foundation as fronts during the interval between the Presidential election and the inauguration to manipulate State Department staffing.

The Temple of Understanding has impressive political support. The Temple was endorsed by President Johnson. A Temple brochure lists endorsements by eight ambassadors and a number of important Government officials, including Robert Strange McNamara while Defense Secretary. The brochure also lists an endorsement by Dr. Reuben S. Nathan when he was policy director of Radio Free Europe (which has CIA links) before he went to Vietnam for psychological-warfare operations.

The president of the Donner Foundation, which helped to subsidize the Temple of Understanding and the American Foreign Service Association, is Franklyn Johnson, formerly a desk officer at CIA and later a CIA consultant.

The executive director of the Temple of Understanding is Finley Peter Dunne Jr., whose father was the creator of "Mr. Dooley," the comical and loveable Irish barkeeper who was a well-known fictional character in stories at the turn of the century. The latest news bulletin produced by Middlesex, a private preparatory school for boys in Concord, Mass., which was Dunne's *alma mater*, proudly describes his activities as general chairman of the "Spiritual Summit Conference" in Darjeeling last October. The conference, sponsored by the Temple of Understanding, brought together Christians, Buddhists, Moslems, Confucionists, Hindus and Jews. "The first time it's really been tried," the school bulletin quoted Dunne as saying.